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### *RENARD PRESS ACQUIRES J.L. WILLETTS' THE GREEN INDIAN PROBLEM, A MOVING TALE ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY AND ABUSE*

- A compelling and heart-rending story of otherness and abuse.
- A timely tale which should be recommended reading for anyone grappling with the topic of transgenderism.
- Will appeal to all fans of *The Curious Incident*.
- A well-written debut that was longlisted for the Bridport Prize prior to publication.

Renard Press is pleased to announce that it has acquired world rights to the debut novel by J.L. Willetts, *The Green Indian Problem*, a story about a young boy who the world thinks is a girl.

*Synopsis:*

Set in the valleys of South Wales at the tail end of Thatcher's Britain, *The Green Indian Problem* is the story of Green, a seven year-old with intelligence beyond his years – an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem: everyone thinks he's a girl.

Green sets out to try and solve the mystery of his identity, but other issues keep cropping up – God, Father Christmas, cancer – and one day his best friend goes missing, leaving a rift in the community and even more unanswered questions. Dealing with deep themes of friendship, identity, child abuse and grief, *The Green Indian Problem* is, at heart, an all-too-real story of a young boy trying to find out why he's not like the other boys in his class.

J.L. Willetts is a writer from Llanbradach, a strange, beautiful village in South Wales. He writes about extraordinary characters in ordinary worlds and has a penchant for unreliable narrators. *The Green Indian Problem*, his first novel, was longlisted for the 2020



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Bridport Prize in the Peggy Chapman-Andrews category. J's poetry has been published by *Empty Mirror*, *PoV Magazine* and Unknown Press. His short story, 'An Aversion to Popular Amusements' was shortlisted for the inaugural Janus Literary Prize.

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